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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2005, the term for response to which expires on October 8, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-10, 12-14 and 18-21 are amended; claims 3 and 4 are canceled; and claims 6, 11 and 15-17 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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Amendment (20)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below.

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Dated: October 10, 2005

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by form PTO-2038 attached the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378.